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APPLICANT'S REPLY BRIEF UNDER 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1)

Noted
This Reply Brief is in response to the Examiner's Answer of September 23, 2004. It is being submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.193(b)(1) as described in 1208.03 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has taken a position that renders complex a very simple issue.

Applicant's invention includes the claimed "shaft having a working inner portion and a working outer portion and with a square flat cut face on the outermost extent of the working end perpendicular to the axis of the shaft." The shaft is in combination with a threaded fastener formed with a "stepped recess having a cube-shaped interior reception area and a cube-shaped exterior reception area."